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April 8, 1939.

Hon. Fred S. Hutchins,  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Dear Fred:-

The Carolinas Association of Law Librarians has for some time been studying the problem of the costs of law books, duplication of sets in the same communities, and similar problems, as they relate particularly to the problem of the establishment of co-operative law libraries in each community of lawyers. As a part of this study we have prepared lists of three law libraries as tentative models for bar libraries. The smallest will cost about \$2,000, the second \$3,000, and the third, \$5,000. These selections have been made by the Law Librarians of Carolina, Duke, and Wake Forest, and myself. Every lawyer who has been approached concerning this work has been strong in his approval and has suggested that the subject should receive the attention of the organized bar of the State.

Accordingly, for the Association, I am writing to request that you consider the matter and, if you feel that the State Bar should encourage the effort to solve some of the pressing problems touching the pocket-book of every lawyer, that you name a Committee of three to five members of the State Bar to serve as a Committee on Law Libraries and Publications. When this has been done and they have accepted the appointment, please let me know so that we can communicate with each member, send him a copy of the library lists, and request his suggestions as to changes, omissions, and additions. As an outgrowth of our work with this Committee, perhaps a report of real value to North Carolina lawyers may be made to the State Bar at its next meeting.

Please let me have your immediate reaction to this suggestion, and, when you are next in Raleigh, please drop by so that we may discuss the matter more fully.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially,

Dillard S. Gardner,  
President,  
Carolinas' Association of Law Librarians